

R5 128(a) Monthly Call  
Notes 3/6/2018

HQ/News

- R1-R5 are staffed on hurricane response duties but this is winding down. Brownfields had 4 staff members (including myself) deploy to both the USVI and Puerto Rico.
- Have not attended any state/tribal calls since January; next call will take place on March 13.

Regional/News

- Region 5 got a new Regional Administrator and Deputy RA in January. Cathy Stepp (RA) came from WDNR. Ed Chu is the new Deputy RA. They are settling in and starting to show a lot of interest in the Brownfields program specifically. If you have any successes you'd like to share, the agency would welcome it as we are trying to get more Brownfields stories on social media.
- Finished reviewing 104(k) proposals; our panel discussions on the proposal rankings took place in February. We await HQ on the official cut-off score for getting funded (they are scored out of 200 points). This ties into TEPM because we will be discussing these grants at our first session on Monday 3/19.

Tribal/News

- We got our regional allocation at the end of mid-January and our recommendations went up to HQ in mid-February. You will know your tribe's funding level for this round in March... very soon. We do not expect any major increases/decreases from last year. HQ has also confirmed that we will NOT have to incrementally fund like we did last year.
- TEPM will take place at EPA R5 offices from March 19-23, 2018- in only two weeks! Topics under development for LAND (BF, toxics, and waste) track include:
  - New UST regulations
  - Deconstruction projects to salvage building materials
  - Proposed cleanup at St Regis Superfund site with Leech Lake
  - Back 40 mine with Menominee
  - “Is your waste management program climate-ready?”; Climate Resilient Waste Management Plan with Saginaw Chippewa
  - FEMA Mitigation planning
  - Disaster debris recovery database online training

-Brownfields will also be the topic of 3 sessions, listed below. Need to know who will be in attendance... are people traveling on Sunday? Is there anything specific you'd like answered during these sessions? Who will be moderating the MOA discussion?

- 104(k) competitive grant program; how KSU TAB can help your tribe
- Administrative procedures for ordinance development & program growth (may ask for input from those tribes who already have an ordinance in place)
- EPA Memorandum of Agreement- working session

TAB/News

-KSU is working with R5 and local tribal nations to host a workshop sometime in 2018. Will be held at Lac du Flambeau... assuming sometime in the fall. KSU will also bring this up with all of you after their presentation when they are here for TEPM.

NEXT CALL: April 3 at 1:30-2:30 CT (skipping February). Call-in information: (b)(6) PIN: (b)(6)